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## REPRESENTATIVE DE LA GARZA ANNOUNCES INCLUSION OF SOUTH TEXAS HIGH PRIORITY CORRIDOR IN NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM BILL

For Immediate Release: 20 September 1995

WASHINGTON, DC--Congressman de la Garza announces that South Texas is one step closer to obtaining a high priority corridor through the area with the adoption today by the U S House of Representatives of language in the national highway system bill. The language extends the corridor from where it currently ends in Houston, Texas, to the Mexican border in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Rep de la Garza said, "there is concurrence on both sides of the aisles of the importance of a high priority corridor through the Valley that will link the Country to its trading partners to the north and the south. This is something that is good not only for South Texas, the State of the Texas, and the southern part of the Nation, but for the entire U S, including the heartland and extending on up to our border with Canada."

"The extension of the high priority corridor to the Rio Grande Valley will provide more federal dollars for the upgrade of U S Highways 281 and/or 77. This is going to significantly reduce travel time, alleviate cross-border congestion and lower transportation costs, thereby enhancing the continued economic vitality of the South Texas area," Rep de la Garza commented.

The Senate passed its version of the national highway system bill earlier this summer. The Senate bill included a similar provision providing high priority corridor designation to U S Highways 281 and/or 77. The legislation will now go to conference, but the provision related to the high priority corridor through the Valley is expected to be retained since it was included in both the House and Senate bills.

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